

Statement of Net Financial Position  
December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$5,378,662
Accounts receivable:	
Customer service	\$942,153
Unbilled	\$752,798
Intercommunity trunkline - operations	\$277,051
Other	\$1,207
Inventory	\$167,649
Prepaid expenses	\$139,002
Total current assets	\$7,658,522

Noncurrent assets:	
Other assets:	
Unamortized debt discount	\$14,199
Total other assets	\$14,199

Capital assets:	
Work in process	\$1,892,685
Operating property	\$139,438,786
Less accumulated depreciation	(\$48,669,220)
Net capital assets	\$92,662,251
Total noncurrent assets	\$92,676,450
Total assets	\$100,334,972

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$751,481
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$751,481

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable:	
Trade	\$148,727
Construction/retainage	\$157,292
Accrued payroll	\$75,115
Accrued compensated absences	\$101,264
Accrued interest	\$129,289
Customer deposits	\$1,407
Current portion of bonds & notes payable	\$3,075,391
Total current liabilities	\$3,688,485

Noncurrent liabilities:	
OPEB liabilities	\$1,303,718
Net pension liability	\$1,901,605
Bonds & notes payable	\$25,790,712
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$28,966,035
Total liabilities	\$32,684,520

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits	\$678,380
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	\$99,257
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$777,637

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$63,796,148
Unrestricted	\$3,828,148
Total net position	\$67,624,296

About The District

The Greater Augusta Utility District is a standalone quasi-municipal entity. Its roots go back to 1903, when the Augusta Water District was formed to take over a private water company. Today, the District is a regional public utility that owns, operates and maintains the water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in Augusta; drinking water delivery in Manchester and East Winthrop; the wastewater system in Hallowell; and regional wastewater collection and treatment for the communities of Monmouth, Winthrop and Manchester.

We are proud to continue our long tradition of supplying our customers with safe drinking water and state-of-the-art sanitation services. On behalf of all the employees of the Greater Augusta Utility District, I thank you for your support!



—Brian Tarbuck, General Manager  
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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Summer, 2017

Dear Partner Municipal Leader,

In order to keep you, our partner municipalities and elected leaders, abreast of the complex operations of the Greater Augusta Utility District, we are pleased to present the District’s 2016 Annual Report. Inside, you’ll find a summary of the previous year’s accomplishments and a brief outline of our key projects for 2017.

The Board of Trustees takes very seriously the District’s two-fold mission:

- 1. To provide fresh, clean, plentiful water; and
- 2. To remove and treat stormwater and wastewater efficiently and effectively.

The most noticeable change for ratepayers in 2016 was the switch to **monthly billing**, which has streamlined our cashflow; helped our customers budget better; and made it easier to distribute outreach materials on a timely basis.

No single construction project stood out, but we spent a lot of time, effort and money keeping up with **paving projects**. This requires extensive research and preparation, and the lowering and then raising of many manholes, catch basins and valves to keep pace with paving operations. Our ultimate goal is that once the roads are newly paved, we won’t have to dig them up for many years to come.

We recognize that our top priority is to serve you and your constituents. We thank you for your support over the years, and invite you to get in touch with any of the Board of Trustee members at any time.

Have a great summer!

Ken Knight | Chair  
Board of Trustees



# 2016 HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Infrastructure / Projects

- Replaced drinking water pipe on Boucher Avenue, and Ward Street in Augusta.
- Installed fence near the new wells on Riverside Drive, funded in part by a \$5,000 wellhead protection grant from the State of Maine.
- Completed design for a new drinking water pipe on Alderwood Drive for construction in 2017.
- Replaced 1,350' of drinking water pipe in Manchester.
- Relined sewer pipes on Eastern Avenue and Old Winthrop Road.
- Rerouted a pipe that used to go through a person's house on Arsenal Street to a better location in the street itself.
- Replaced over 1,300' of pipe on Patterson Street with separated stormwater and sewer pipe.
- Inspected thousands of feet of sewer and stormwater pipe and adjusted dozens of catch basins and manholes.

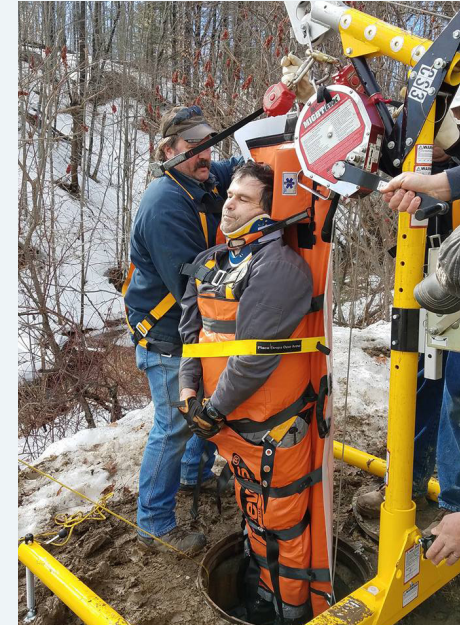


## Process Improvements

- The wastewater treatment plant treated over 1.4 billion gallons of wastewater, an average of 3.15 million gallons per day. The plant removed an average of 93% of oxygen-demanding pollutants and 95% of suspended solids.
- Expenses came in at \$1.4 million, 16% under budget.

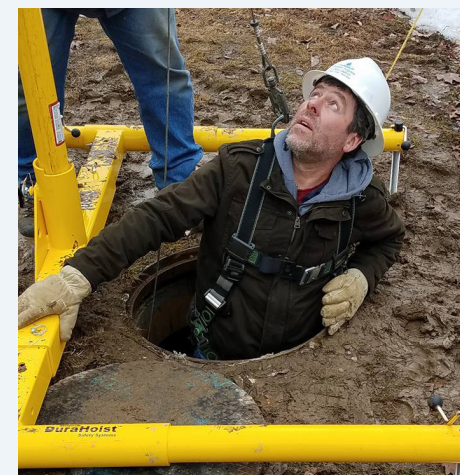
## Safety / Preparedness

- Held Annual Safety Training in June.
- From 2015 to 2016, the MOD rate dropped from 1.03 to 0.83, saving about \$8,000 in Workers' Compensation Premiums.
- Received a \$2,000 Maine Municipal Association Safety Grant to help pay for Confined Space Training (at right).



## Administrative / Financial

- Received a clean audit of 2015 financial statements.
- Added \$1.36 million in capital assets and ended 2016 with \$1.89 million in work in progress.
- Ended 2016 with 662 paperless-billing customers and 766 online-paying customers.
- Monthly billing has helped find leaks on the customer side of the meter more quickly.
- Held annual planning session with GAUD Board of Trustees in January.
- Held annual meeting with City of Augusta in March.



## Outreach

- Distributed the Annual Report, Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, and a *Currents* newsletter.
- Delivered regular statement stuffers informing customers of key issues, accomplishments and best practices for drinking water and wastewater users.



Greater Augusta  
Utility District

Water | Wastewater | Stormwater

## OUR FUNDAMENTAL GOALS, EVERY YEAR:

1. Supply enough clean, safe drinking water to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
2. Provide adequate fire protection.
3. Remove storm and wastewater efficiently and effectively.
4. Maintain stable and equitable rates.
5. Continually improve the District's financial systems to ensure reliability, transparency and security.
6. Comply with all regulatory permits.
7. Always communicate clearly, courteously and effectively.

## KEY 2017 PROJECTS

There is, as always, a lot of paving work that we'll need to react to, as well as these specific projects:

- We are designing a replacement for a sewer pipe that failed underneath the Kennebec River.
- We will install new sewer and stormwater pipe in the Greenleaf/Morse/Gannett area.
- We will replace old drinking water pipe on Commercial Street and North Belfast Avenue.
- We will modify some stormwater systems to improve chronic drainage problems.

To accomplish all this, one of our key equipment needs will be to replace one of our old backhoes.